



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1272-C)

In re Application of:)
Chad A. Mirkin, et al.)
Serial No.: 10/008,978) Examiner: J. Riley
Filed: December 7, 2001) Art Unit: 1637
For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING) Confirmation No. 5877
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office action dated February 18, 2004. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend this application as shown below.

An "Amendment to the claims" section can be found on page 2.

A "Remarks" section can be found on page 9.

A Notice of Appeal is attached.

An Appendix A is attached.